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Dear Transmission Customers and Other Interested Parties:

A *Federal Register* notice (FRN) announcing proposed Western Area Power Administration (Western) Transmission and Ancillary Services Formula Rates for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program--Eastern Division (P-SMBP--ED) was published on November 3, 2014. Publication of the FRN initiates the formal public rate process and formal comment period as defined in the Department of Energy's Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions. Western's Upper Great Plains Region (Western-UGP) has signed a Membership Agreement enabling it to join the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization as a Transmission Owner. This membership application is currently before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for approval. P-SMBP--ED proposes new formula rates for transmission and ancillary services provided under SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, pursuant to Western-UGP's Membership Agreement and other contractual arrangements with SPP. The proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect October 1, 2015. SPP will incorporate them into its new zone that will include Western-UGP facilities and file these rates in the SPP Tariff.

The following public meetings will be held as announced in the FRN:

Holiday Inn Downtown Omaha, 1420 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska

Public Information Forum November 19, 2014 9:00 a.m. CST

Public Comment Forum December 17, 2014 9:00 a.m. CST

Ramada Plaza & Suites and Conference Center, 1635 42nd Street South, Fargo, North Dakota

Public Information Forum November 20, 2014 9:00 a.m. CST

Public Comment Forum December 18, 2014 9:00 a.m. CST

Western is preparing a Rate Brochure which will be available on November 19, 2014, at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm> or Western's Open Access Same-Time Information System site <http://www.oatioasis.com/wapa/index.html>. These sites will be updated as new information is available.

If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please telephone Linda Cady-Hoffman at (406) 255-2920.

Sincerely,

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